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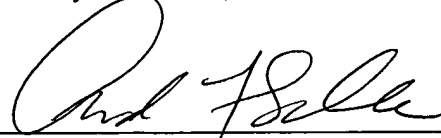
**Request for Continued Examination (RCE)**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. An IDS is being submitted with this request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). The RCE fee of \$410.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.114(a) and 1.17(e) is included in the attached check.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

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